

Energy Committee Meeting Minutes
September 4th, 2023
Old schoolhouse common & zoom

Members In attendance: Nick Seifert, Anne Miller, Wes Cate, Mike Xenakis

Public: Rich Phillips

- Public comments
 - None today
- Announcements
 - Rich mentioned: John Groveman is putting together a meeting at the Plainfield Opera house to discuss climate resilience -
 - Register here: <https://vnrc.org/community-conversation-on-clean-water-and-climate-resilience-plainfield/>
 - Partial solar eclipse on October 14th, full eclipse coming next year in April.
 - Mike mentioned briefly there are more rebates available for income qualified people.
- Agenda modifications
 - No additions.
- Approval of previous minutes
 - Not enough members for quorum to approve them.
- Business
 - Plainfield updates
 - No Bob, No updates.
 - Funding opportunities / Legislative updates
 - MERP application status
 - Mike gave an update:
 - Two docs left, the lighting schedule, and an overall document. He's working on those and plans to submit before the October 31st deadline. The application is in, but these last couple documents are due.
 - Timing is to do the audits through the fall and winter.
 - Food shelf walk-in fridge update (electrical use)
 - No update here today. Needs follow-up work by Nick.
 - Upper Winooski Community Solar group updates.
 - No updates here. Wes mentioned that they have not heard back from Catamount Solar yet. He mentioned the three sites which are under consideration.
 - Rich is interested in getting John, Ellen, himself and Wes together to discuss if this should be pursued any further or not. He will try to get a meeting scheduled to discuss the plan for this.
 - Enhanced Energy Plan update
 - Nick to reach out to Michele about if this can still be completed in time for town meeting or not.
 - Fall Foliage festival planning
 - October 1st, a Sunday. 11am to 3pm

- Nick can attend and will plan on it.
 - Mike can attend and will plan on it.
 - Anne will be occupied with other responsibilities.
- Anne has invited some of the other committees from the town to attend.
- What we need to bring:
 - Bring your own tables/chairs/tent/etc. Nick will bring table/chairs/tent.
- What are we going to do:
 - Anne is going to contact Efficiency VT about being here in person.
 - Nick to reach out to GMP and see what they can offer/bring.
 - Agreement that we would not do EV rides or sit-in's this year. People can still plan to bring EV/PHEV/hybrid and show them.
 - Mike can talk to people about rebates and other things as needed.
 - Anne mentioned that the VNRC meeting on the 12th might have something interesting.
 - Mike to reach out to Sam about window dressers.
- Marshfield Municipal solar updates
 - No updates at this time.
- Selectboard items
 - Nothing at this time
- Draft agenda for next meeting
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 - Food shelf walk-in fridge update
 - Kill-a-watt
 - Upper Winooski community solar
 - Enhanced energy plan update
 - Fall foliage festival
 - Marshfield municipal solar updates
 - Selectboard items

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